(a) whether the Ministry of Finance has received any proposal from the Ministry of Human Resource Development regarding enhancement in scholarship for meritorious students;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (c) A proposal for enhancement of scholarship under National Merit Scholarship Scheme during the 10th Five Year Plan is under cosideration between Finance Ministry and Ministry of Human Resource Development. A final decision will be taken after some pending issues are resolved.

ADB Aid to Uttar Pradesh

†938. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects being executed in Uttar Pradesh with the help of Asian Development Bank;

(b) the details of such projects and the investment made therein; and

(c) the current position of such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) There is no ongoing ADB assisted project in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Tax-GDP ratio

939. SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tax-GDP ratio during the last three years has continuously come down; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise?